

## DINNER TO HALSBURY FAILS OF ITS EFFECT

Tory "Die-Hards" Expected at Least 150 Peers, but Scarcely a Score Attend.

## ANTI-BALFOURITE FIASCO

European Situation Makes King Anxious That Tension Between Government and Opposition Be Relieved.

(See Cable to The Tribune.)

London, July 26.—The constitutional question and the Morocco crisis are closely connected. The King is very anxious that, in view of the serious development of the Anglo-Franco-German situation, the tension between the Liberals and the Tories should be relieved.

Letters from Mr. Balfour and Lord Lansdowne advising the Lords to allow the Parliament bill to become law in its unamended form were largely influenced by the desire of the King that the nation should present a united front to Germany.

His majesty has created a new precedent by summoning to Buckingham Palace former ministers of the crown, like Lord Rosebery and Lord St. Aldwyn, though the audiences have been informal and without prejudice to the advice of the responsible government.

Mr. Balfour's ultimatum has caused a scare among the Unionist "die-hards," and instead of at least 150 peers attending the Halsbury banquet to-night the number was only about a score.

The speeches were of a fiery and uncompromising character, but the fact remains that as a demonstration of opposition to Mr. Balfour and Lord Lansdowne the dinner was a fiasco.

The Parliament bill after all may become law without the necessity arising for creating Liberal peers, but in any case the measure will not leave the Commons until its safe passage through the Lords is assured.

(By the Associated Press.)

London, July 26.—The banner of revolt against the party leadership was raised to-night at a dinner given in honor of the Earl of Halsbury, which the extremists among the Unionists intended should be a demonstration of their strength.

The dinner, although it voiced great determination to insist upon the Lords' amendments to the Parliament bill, thus forcing the government to create peers, has nevertheless a somewhat humorous side, its organizers represented the peers as clamoring to secure tickets and initiated that at least one hundred of the peers would attend.

Means were taken to prevent the outside public from knowing how many attended the dinner. No seat plan was prepared except for a dozen peers at the chairman's table. The remainder of the guests, some four hundred in number, were left to take their seats at random, and for the most part were neither peers nor members of the House of Commons.

The peers actually present numbered certainly less than forty, and about the same number of members of the House of Commons were present.

Mr. Balfour caused it to be known to-day that he regarded the dinner merely as a compliment to Lord Halsbury and would not regard participation therein as an act of personal disloyalty to himself. That this statement did so little to increase the attendance shows clearly that the insurgent movement is not nearly so strong as has been represented.

The Earl of Selborne, who is credited with aspiring to Lord Lansdowne's place as leader of the Opposition in the House of Lords, presided. Among the diners were the Duke of Bedford, the Duke of Northumberland, the Duke of Westminster, the Duke of Marlborough, the Marquis of Salisbury, Viscount Milner, Baron Amherst, Lord Hugh Cecil, Austin Chamberlain, Frederick E. Smith, M. P., and the Right Hon. George Wyndham, who was Chief Secretary for Ireland in 1906-08, and was raised by Mr. Balfour to a seat in the Cabinet in the reconstruction of the Ministry in 1908, consequent upon Lord Salisbury's retirement from the Premiership.

A letter from Joseph Chamberlain was read, in which he said: "I heartily support the object of the meeting: The country owes a great debt to Lord Halsbury, since in this crisis of his history he has refused to surrender his principles."

Lord Selborne's Views.

The Earl of Selborne said that no members of the House of Lords were trustees to the people for their powers and rights under the constitution. He concluded amid cheers: "In this crisis each peer has an individual constitutional responsibility, which is above all party ties. If his conception of his duty differs from that of his leaders he must obey his own not theirs. Our duty is to stand by the amendments unless and until we are outvoted."

## STRIKING LAWYERS RETURN.

Viterbo, Italy, July 26.—The striking attorneys for the defense returned to court to-day, and the trial of the Camorristi was resumed at the point where it had been interrupted when the lawyers, offended at the attack made upon Mr. Lioy by Captain Faliron, the crown witness, withdrew in high dudgeon, last week. The American Ambassador, John G. A. Lehman, was present at the session.

## MRS. ROCKEFELLER IS NOT ILL.

Cleveland, July 26.—John D. Rockefeller is in splendid health, according to his family physician, and furthermore, he is greatly enjoying life at his summer home in East Cleveland. His close friends and relatives say: "Reports have originated in various parts of the country within the last two days that Mr. Rockefeller was ill."

## SUNDAY'S NEW-YORK TRIBUNE Mailed anywhere in the United States for \$2.00 a year.

THEATRICAL NOTES.

Louise Dresser has been engaged as one of the stars in the Winter Garden show which will follow "La Saison des Ballets Russes" and the brief engagement of "The Musical Revue of '11." Another star in the production will be Gaby Deslys, of Portuguese fame.

Mrs. Millie Thorne, president of the Stage Children's Fund, has arranged to send a large party of little girls for an outing at Caldwell, N. J., next week, where they will live in a big farmhouse.

Harry Pierce, the dancer, who was with the "Ziegfeld Follies" last season, has been engaged by Harris & Lasky for the Folies Bergere, and will appear August 14.

Valeska Suratt is in her sixth week of "The Red Rose" at the Globe Theatre. The sliding roof of the theatre adds to the comfort of the audience.

Rehearsals were begun yesterday for "The Kiss Waltz," which the Shuberts will present as an out-of-town attraction and then bring back to Broadway.

Austin Chamberlain made a stirring speech. When he had finished there were cries of "The future Prime Minister!" A hard reference to Premier Asquith was greeted with shouts of "Traitor!"

Mr. Chamberlain said it was unthinkable that a great historic assembly like the House of Lords, with its fine traditions behind it, should acquiesce in the surrender of its constitutional rights and national duty.

Balfour Will Remain.

It may now safely be assumed that Mr. Balfour and Lord Lansdowne will remain in the saddle as leaders of the Unionist party. No sooner was his letter affirming his intention to stand or fall by Lord Lansdowne published than the insolent mutiny collapsed, the organizers of the Halsbury banquet tumbling over each other in their hasty repudiation of disloyalty. The names are published to-night of more than 200 peers who, by letter, have declared themselves to be supporters of Lord Lansdowne's policy, and stated they will allow the Parliament bill to pass without protest.

The exact number of peers supporting the Earl of Halsbury is not known, but it is believed that the number in no event will exceed 130. As, however, Lord Lans-

downe's present intention is merely to abstain from voting at all on the bill when it is returned to the House of Lords, the insurgents could still defeat the bill unless the Government decides upon the creation of sufficient peers.

Several days are likely to elapse before the results of the numerous conferences the political leaders have had with the King and each other are seen, and it is probable, therefore, that the government will be obliged further to postpone consideration of the Parliament bill in the House of Commons beyond Monday next. Much enthusiasm was displayed by those who attended the Halsbury banquet to-night, but all the speakers emphasized the view that they could exercise individual judgment without necessarily causing a breach in the party or implying disloyalty to the leaders.

London, July 27.—The "Daily Mail" in an editorial describes the Halsbury dinner as a solemn nonsense. It says that Lord Selborne and Austin Chamberlain are not entitled to assume the attitude they adopted unless they are prepared to take office and govern without a Parliamentary majority.

The columns of the morning papers are again filled with letters from prominent members of the Unionist party, strongly protesting against the action of the insurgents as helping only to disintegrate the party.

Northampton, July 26.—Augustine Birrell, Chief Secretary for Ireland, making reference here to-night to the recent dying down of Premier Asquith in the House of Commons, said: "The language used at the Premier's head in the House of Commons would have disgraced a gambling hell or a thieves' kitchen. It was a cold-blooded as well as an organized orgy of stupidity and ruffianism."

## SKELETON FROM THE MAINE

Found on Berth Deck—Bones of Warrant Officer, Probably.

Havana, July 26.—A skeleton, almost entire, but presenting slight hope of identification, was discovered to-day on the berth deck of the starboard side of the Maine. These are the first bones found below the main deck, which has been now entirely explored. It is believed that the skeleton is that of a warrant officer whose quarters were in that section of the ship.

The bones of sixty bodies are still un-recovered. Practically all hope has been abandoned of the recovery of other traces of human bodies forward of the central superstructure, as all that section has been utterly destroyed.

Preliminary exploration of the after berth deck, including the wardroom and officers' staterooms, began to-day, but the only result was the discovery that all the stateroom partitions had been thrown down, greatly impeding the work of exploration. The junior wardroom was examined, but nothing of importance found.

Conditions within the cofferdam remain unchanged. The mud level has only slightly lowered. The dumping of enormous quantities of stone within the dam and on top of the caissons continues, the purpose being to make the retaining wall impregnable after the extraction of from thirty-five to sixty feet of solid matter in which the lower portions of the wreck are embedded.

## SAY MONEY IS FROM THE MAINE.

A considerable quantity of currency, consisting of old bills, all badly mutilated, was deposited yesterday in the Trust Company of America for account of a Cuban bank. It was reported that the money had been recovered from the wreck of the battleship Maine, but officers of the trust company said that so far as they knew the rumor was incorrect.

## ROMANIA GOES TO PIECES.

Yarmouth, N. S., July 26.—The fifty-foot power boat Romania, which piled up on the rocks at Chebogue Point, eight miles from here, went to pieces to-day. The wrecker recovered the engine of the boat, valued at about \$2,000.

## MRS. NEAPOLITANA IN HOSPITAL.

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., July 26.—Mrs. Neapolitana, whose sentence of death was recently commuted to life imprisonment for the murder of her husband, was taken to a hospital here at midnight. She will remain here until the birth of her child, after which she will be taken to Kingston penitentiary.

## CHIVALRIC KNOT SEVERED

Mrs. Malcom W. Owens's Marriage to New Yorker Annulled.

(By Telegraph to The Tribune.)

Cochecton, July 26.—Mrs. Dolores Cameron, N. S., was granted her petition for an annulment of her marriage to Malcolm W. Owens, a wealthy young New York man, by Judge Caldwell, of the Hamilton County Common Pleas Court to-day. They were married on June 14, 1910, in Jersey City. The young woman went to New York City with her mother to marry Dr. Alfred Lee Clifton, a surgeon in the United States Navy. He met them at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel and told her there would be no wedding until his ship returned from its long cruise. She had previously met Mr. Owens when he was visiting in Cincinnati, and he called on them in New York and offered to marry her.

Others are being piped away to Cortland, N. Y., and to Interlaken, Mass. All told the day's parties numbered 147.

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

"Please refrain from using name," H. S. V.

Edith Puttler, Bar Harbor, Me.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger and Sunday school class.

J. R. B. R.

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